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Recruitment of natives of Travancore and Cochin to the Madras Educational Service.

* 172 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons belonging to the Indian States of Travancore and Cochin have been, (i) directly recruited, and (ii) promoted since March 1927, to the Madras Educational Service;

(*b*) whether any persons belonging to the other Indian States have been recruited or promoted to the Madras Educational Service during this period; if so, how many; and

(*c*) among the persons who have been directly recruited since March 1927, to posts in the Madras Educational Service and to full-time posts in the Law College, how many are from Indian States, how many are Telugus and how many are Tamils?

A.—(*a*) Four persons were directly recruited and one person was promoted.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Of the persons directly recruited four are from Indian States, five belong to the Tamil districts and one belongs to a Telugu district.

Proposal to close the Power-house in the Engineering College at Guindy.

* 173 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a special officer was appointed to enquire into the working of the Power-house in the Engineering College at Guindy according to the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee;

(*b*) whether the Special Officer has made his report; if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the table of the House;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer has recommended the discontinuance of the Power-house and to take power from the Madras Electric Supplies Corporation or from any other source; and

(*d*) what the main reasons are for the recommendations made?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Retrenchment Committee made no recommendation for the appointment of a Special Officer in connexion with the Engineering College Power-house. The Chief Engineer for Electricity, however, submitted a report last year in which he proposed that the electric current (D.C.) now generated in the Power-house might be obtained in bulk from the Madras Electric Supply Corporation and be distributed by the College. The question being still under consideration, the Government are unable to place the report on the table.